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**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1 of the Specification with the following:

This application is a continuation-in-part of co-pending U.S. Application Serial Number 09/985,257, filed November 2, 2001, entitled, "TIERED CONTENTION MULTIPLE ACCESS (TCMAS): A METHOD FOR PRIORITY-BASED SHARED CHANNEL ACCESS," and incorporated herein by reference.